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## TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1898.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall on Monday, January 17, 1898, at 8.30 o'clock, P.M.

Vice-President Tiffany in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

Frederick Potter.	Prof. James M. Hoppin, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
J. Baxter Upham, M.D.	Solomon Lincoln, Boston, Mass.
William Augustus Walker.	Harold P. Goodnow (Life), Fort Snelling, Minn.
Edward K. Dunham, M.D.	Hon. John A. King (Life).
George H. Fearons.	D. W. Thompson.
William B. Wait.	Joseph Obermeyer.
John A. Woods.	A. Beekman Cox, Cherry Valley, N. Y.
Samuel Untermeyer.	Samuel Swett Green, Worcester, Mass.
R. P. Whitfield.	Prof. William H. Burr.
Reginald Young.	Charles H. Miller, M.D.
Rev. Ralph L. Brydges, Islip, N. Y.	James M. Lamberton, Concord, N. H.
John McAlan.	William Beer, New Orleans, La.
Rev. D. J. M'Millan.	Mrs. Frederic Goodridge.
W. H. Carmalt, New Haven, Conn.	Paul Eve Stevenson, German- town, Pa.
Prof. Thomas L. Cottin, Dar- lington, S. C.	Edwin S. Marston.
William T. Simpson.	George R. Schieffelin (Life).
Edward Weston, Newark, N. J.	B. Lowenstein.
Mrs. Frances Newbury Bagley, Detroit, Mich.	James W. Davidson, Tamsui, For- mosa, Japan.
J. W. Clous, Lt.-Colonel, U.S.A.	Richard Hodgson, Boston, Mass.
Eugene B. Cook, Hoboken, N. J.	Rev. Horatio Oliver Ladd, Ja- maica, N. Y.
Rev. Francis Goodwin, Hartford, Conn.	Adolph W. Magerhans.
Jacob L. Greene, Hartford, Conn.	Theodore A. Blake, New Haven, Conn.
Robert J. Hubbard (Life), Caze- novia, N. Y.	J. C. Bancroft Davis, LL.D., Washington, D. C.
Homer N. Lockwood.	
Prof. Henry Ferguson (Life), Hartford, Conn.	

The Annual Report of the Council was presented and read:

*To the American Geographical Society :*

The Council respectfully submits the following Report for the year 1897:

The number of Fellows on the 1st of January was 1,069. The number added during the year was 147. The losses by death, resignation, etc., were 77, and the total fellowship on the 31st of December was 1,139, of which number 294 were Life Fellows.

The finances of the Society continue to be in a healthy condition. For details of receipts and expenditures reference is respectfully made to the report of the Treasurer, herewith submitted. The house now occupied by the Society is too small for its needs and is not fire-proof; the funds do not, however, as yet warrant the purchase of land and the erection of a suitable building thereon.

On the 3d of April the Council, by unanimous vote, awarded the Cullum Geographical Medal to Fridtjof Nansen, for his voyage in the *Fram*, and his sledge journey in the unknown polar sea to 86° 14' N., MDCCCXCIII-MDCCCXCVI.

It has been decided to issue the Society's Bulletin hereafter five times a year, viz.: February 28, April 30, June 30, October 31 and December 31. There will be no change in the form of the publication.

The additions to the Library number 3,494, viz.: Books 794, Pamphlets and Periodicals 2,475, Atlases 14, Maps and Charts 211.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) HENRY PARISH,  
*Chairman.*

NEW YORK, Jan'y 8, 1898.

The report of the Treasurer was then presented and read:

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1897.

##### GENERAL FUND.

*To the American Geographical Society :*

The Treasurer respectfully reports that on January 1, 1897, the cash on hand, pertaining to the General Fund

amounted to..... \$2,131.90

During the year the income was :

From Fellowship Dues..... \$9,800.00

From Invested Building Fund..... 9,249.37

19,049.37

\$21,181.27

The expenditures were :

For Salaries..... 4,880.63

" Publications..... 2,479.17

" Library..... 1,237.41

" Meetings of the Society..... 848.50

" House and Insurance..... 693.50

" Stationery, Postages and Sundries... 528.55

Transferred to Building Fund..... 8,000.00

18,667.76

On December 31, 1897, the balance on hand was.....

\$2,513.51

NEW YORK, Dec. 31st, 1897.

WALTER R. T. JONES,  
*Treasurer.*

The Committee charged with the duty of selecting candidates for the offices to be filled reported the following:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1898.

*To the American Geographical Society :*

The Committee appointed by the Council December 4th, 1897, to nominate suitable persons to fill the offices which will become vacant in January, 1898, respectfully recommend the election of the following named gentlemen:

For President—CHAS. P. DALY, LL.D., term to expire January, 1899.

For Vice-President—EGBERT L. VIELE, term to expire January, 1901.

For Treasurer—WALTER R. T. JONES, term to expire January, 1899.

For Recording Secretary—ANTON A. RAVEN, term to expire January, 1901.

For Councillors—LEVI HOLBROOK,

MORRIS K. JESUP,

GUSTAV E. KISSEL,

HENRY PARISH,

JOHN A. HADDEN,

Terms to expire January, 1901.

(Signed) HENRY HOLT,  
S. NICHOLSON KANE,  
CHANDLER ROBBINS,

*Nominating Committee.*

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Clinton Roosevelt was authorized to cast the vote of the Society for the candidates and they were declared duly elected.

The Chairman then introduced Prof. D. Cady Eaton, who read a paper entitled, From Cairo to Beni Hassan.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

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A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall on Monday, February 14, 1898, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Vice-President Moore in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

William Salomon.

Arthur H. Hearn.

Harry D. Kohn.

J. Gordon Emmons.

F. C. Cross, Luling, Texas.

Charles H. Sheldon.

Charles Dudley Warner, Hartford, Conn.

W. M. Rexford.

Gen. William H. Seward, Auburn, N. Y.

Howard W. Preston, Providence, R. I.

James Schouler, LL.D., Boston.

W. A. Wadsworth, Geneseo, N. Y.  
Walter Thompson, Garrison, N. Y.  
Osborn Marcus Curtis.  
George Watkinson, Philadelphia.

Alfred C. Harmsworth, of London, was elected an Honorary Member, and Frederick G. Jackson, of London, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Cosmos Mindeleff, who read a paper on the Origin of the Cliff Dwellings.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

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A Special Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 8.30 P.M.

President Daly in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

C. M. Wales, J. B. Reynolds.

The President introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Benjamin Howard, who described his observations and impressions during a visit to the Siberian island of Sakhalin.

On motion, the Society adjourned.